

August G. and Louisa Mayer Building
Cambria City Neighborhood
410 Eighth Avenue
Johnstown
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: 410 Eighth Avenue, Cambria City, Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.

Description: Two-story brick commercial building. Square in plan, 50' x 50'. Stone basement. Six-bay main facade with segmental-arched windows throughout. Flat roof. Stone plaque in the center of the main facade inscribed "August G. Mayer 1908" with symbols of the butchering trade -- a cleaver and a steel.

History: In 1908 August G. Mayer had this building erected as a slaughter house and sausage factory. The 1911 city directory notes that August G. Mayer had two meat markets in Cambria City, at 220 and 512 Broad Street.

August G. Mayer died in 1925 and the property passed to his wife Louisa. In 1934 she left "the slaughter house and four houses on Chestnut Street" to Julius Szaltzer. In that year he also died and the property passed to his daughter, Margaret Mayer McWilliams. In 1975 her executors conveyed the property to James J. Hogan in Trust for St. Rochus Congregation of the City of Johnstown.

Sources:

Deed Records (162:237, 984:980), Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

Johnstown City Directory, 1911.

Tax assessment card, no.86-05-400, Cambria County Courthouse, Ebensburg, Pa.

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